

HENRY L. WEST WINS FIGHT FOR DISTRICT COMMISSIONERSHIP

Long Struggle for Preference Ended in His Favor Yesterday by President Roosevelt — Congratulations Pouring In.

Appointee to Take Oath of Office Tomorrow, as Successor of the Late John W. Ross, and Enter Upon His New Duties on Thursday.

President Roosevelt's appointment of Mr. Henry Litchfield West as District Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. John W. Ross was announced at the temporary White House yesterday morning.

This settlement of a perplexing political situation has been foreshadowed for several days past. Since the middle of last week Mr. West's more enthusiastic friends have been congratulating him, in anticipation of the termination of the contest in a way favorable to him. On Saturday night he was summoned to the White House by the President, and a half hour's conference ensued. This was generally accepted as marking the end of the contest, as a delegation which had called during the day in behalf of another candidate departed without any hopes of success.

Mr. West's appointment is regarded as one which will receive general popular approval. During his career in Washington as a newspaper man he has made many strong friends, both in and out of politics, and his knowledge of the District and its needs is admitted. The new Commissioner has been the recipient of hundreds of messages of congratulation.

Officials Call on Mr. West.

At noon yesterday, after Mr. West's appointment had been officially communicated to them, Commissioners Macfarland and Biddle called upon him to express their congratulations. Preliminary arrangements for the appointee's installation into office were briefly talked over.

Mr. West will return the call of the Commissioners Wednesday afternoon, and will then take the oath of office. He will at that time be introduced to the heads of departments at the District Building, and will take up the duties of his office on Thursday morning.

No Reassignment of Duties.

It is understood that the departments of the municipal government formerly under the supervision of Commissioner Ross will be turned over to Mr. West, and that no general reassignment of departments will take place at this time. Satisfaction seemed upon the faces of the Commissioners and heads of departments yesterday when the fact of the naming of a new Commissioner was made known. The municipality has been much embarrassed by the long wait for the filling of the third position on the board. Now that the vacancy has been filled there is renewed activity in the departments, getting ready to take up delayed public work.

Views of Commissioners.

Commissioner Macfarland, president of the Board, said regarding the appointment:

"Mr. West and I have been friends for many years, and I shall be very glad to welcome him from the private to the public service of the District. No one appreciates his ability or his attractive qualities more than I, and it is needless to say that he has the integrity and the public spirit characteristic of his predecessor in office. He is a District man from his youth up, knows the District's

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needs, and shares the District's desires. I feel sure that Mr. West will acquire himself admirably in a very trying place."

Commissioner Biddle stated that he was not personally acquainted with Mr. West, but that from all sources he had learned that the newly appointed member of the Board has all the requisite qualities of a good public servant.

Lifelong Resident of District.

Henry Litchfield West has lived in Washington practically all his life, although born in Staten Island, N. Y., where his father was editor-in-chief of the "New York Commercial Advertiser." He is of English parents—the son of Robert Athow West and Elizabeth West. Mr. West's father came to Washington to assume an important editorial position on Forney's "Chronicle," then the leading newspaper of the National Capital.

Mr. West first lived in Georgetown, where his father died. He attended a private academy until between twelve and thirteen years of age, when he was forced to seek employment. He secured a position in the dingy little office of the "Georgetown Courier" as office boy, printer's devil, and reporter. From work upon this weekly paper he graduated to a reportorial position on the "Washington Union," and went from that paper to the "Washington Post," with which he has since been connected, beginning as reporter and rising to the position of city editor, and later managing editor. The latter position, in which he showed marked executive ability, Mr. West resigned to devote his attention to political writing, and in that capacity he has attended all national conventions and prominent political events of recent years.

Held Many Offices of Trust.

Mr. West was a member of the Columbia Democratic Club during the lifetime of that organization, and has always affiliated with the Democratic party of the District of Columbia. He is one of the

board of trustees of the Emergency Hospital, and was named as one of the committee from the District of Columbia to the Tennessee Exposition at Nashville.

He has been identified with numerous local institutions as director and trustee. For two years he served in the police department of the District as clerk and stenographer. He is a prominent member of the Gridiron Club, of which organization he was unanimously elected president.

He is also one of the board of governors of the Columbia Golf Club. He attends the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church. Mr. West was for some time a resident and property owner on Capitol Hill. About five years ago he purchased the house in which he resides, on Columbia Heights. His family consists of his mother, wife, two daughters, and a son. He has a sister residing near Asheville, N. C.

Business Men Approve.

The appointment of Mr. West meets with the approval of the business men of Washington. Hon. James L. Norris, who is a member of the Democratic Congressional committee, in commenting on the President's selection, last night said: "I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. West for over twenty years, and know him to be eminently qualified for the discharge of the duties of this office. He is in the prime of life, has had a wide experience in newspaper and business circles, is an honorable and upright man, and is possessed of good judgment and a fine discriminating mind. Besides, he has been reared in this city, and is well acquainted with our citizens in both public and private life. He is familiar with the needs and improvements of the city, has kept pace with the rapid growth and development of Washington, and has materially aided by his voice and pen in the advancement of such improvements. For these reasons I believe he is most highly qualified for the office of Commissioner. His appointment is acceptable to the Democratic party, to all citizens, and reflects credit upon the Administration."

PRIDE FOR MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pension Commissioner Ware Sends Letter to Chief Engineer—Owner of Yacht Testifies.

Robert W. Dutton, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, has received from Hon. E. S. Ware, Commissioner of Pensions, a letter complimenting the department on the efficient work done by the detail of seven firemen in the Pension Building during the Grand Army of the Republic encampment. Mr. Ware says:

"I am advised by the chief clerk and other employees of the bureau that the firemen whom you so kindly placed on duty in the Pension Office during the week of the national encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, conducted themselves in such a manner as to warrant special commendation and praise. They were not only attentive in the discharge of their legitimate duties, but by their personal efforts aided the official force of the bureau in the effort to preserve order and show courtesies to the thousands of old soldiers and their friends who visited the office. Please accept my thanks for your interest in the matter, and extend to the detail of firemen my heartfelt appreciation of their efficient service."

A letter from C. C. Wilkinson, of 221 Ninth Street southeast, has also been forwarded by Chief Dutton to the Commissioners. Mr. Wilkinson thanks the firemen for extinguishing a fire aboard his yacht on the 8th instant.

DRUG HOUSES CONSOLIDATE.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 12.—The wholesale drug houses in this city, with a single exception, have entered into a combination. They will do business under one management. The new corporation will be known as the Maryland Drug Company, and will have a capital stock of \$1,500,000. The only large firm holding aloof is Marsh Bros. Incorporation papers will be taken out before November 1.

SUPREME COURT PAYS TIME-HONORED CALL

Chief Justice Informs President of Reassembly.

ALL ORDERS POSTPONED

Hearing in the Famous Railway Merger Case May Come Up Today.

The United States Supreme Court paid its annual official call on the President in accordance with the time-honored custom at 12:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

At that hour the Justices arrived in carriages. Mr. Chief Justice Fuller, in the first vehicle, was escorted by Marshal J. M. Wright. The remaining Justices followed, two by two, in the order of their seniority of service.

Eight in the Party.

Eight Justices were in the party. Mr. Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes not having yet been qualified. They came in the following order: Justices Harlan and Brewer, Justices Brown and Shiras, Justices White and Peckham, Justice McKenna and Mr. James H. McKeeney, court clerk, Solicitor General Richards and Mr. F. DeCoursey Faust, assistant marshal.

The Justices were received by the President in his study on the second floor front of the mansion. The call lasted six minutes, during which time the Chief Justice announced formally that the court had reassembled after the summer vacation.

Meets and Adjourns.

When the court was convened at the Capitol promptly at 12 o'clock, Mr. Chief Justice Fuller announced that adjournment would immediately be taken for the purpose of making the call upon the President. All court orders fixed for the opening day, the Chief Justice said, would therefore go over until today. Among these was the reply of the Northern Securities Company and the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railway Companies to the petition of the State of Washington to prevent the merger of the two railroads.

MR. STINEMETZ LEFT ESTATE IN TRUST

Income Devised to His Widow for Life—Children Will Share Equally.

The will of the late Benjamin H. Stinemetz, who for many years conducted a hat and fur business at 1237 Pennsylvania Avenue, was yesterday filed for probate in the office of the Register of Wills for the District. The document is dated April 8, 1901, and attached to it is a codicil dated May 29, last. The entire estate is left to the American Security and Trust Company, with instructions to pay the income to the testator's widow during her lifetime. Upon her death the estate directs that the estate shall be divided equally among his children.

In the settlement of the estate it is also directed that the testator's son, Samuel W. Stinemetz, shall, if possible, arrange with the creditors for the purchase of the business at 1237 Pennsylvania Avenue, to be conducted under the firm name of "B. H. Stinemetz & Son."

By the terms of a codicil the trustee of the estate is directed to pay to the testator's daughters, Ella Louise and May Ada, \$2,000 each out of the proceeds of his life insurance. The trustee is also instructed to allow Benjamin H. Stinemetz, Jr., to join his brother, Samuel W. Stinemetz, in the partnership and conduct of the business at 1237 Pennsylvania Avenue.

COMING CONVENTION OF JEWISH WOMEN

Local Section Will Send Delegates and Later Entertain National Body.

The first meeting this season of the Washington section, Council of Jewish Women, was held yesterday afternoon in the Eighth Street Temple. The most interesting feature of the program was a paper on "Current Jewish Topics," by Miss Hatty Abraham, secretary of the section. Plans and arrangements for the coming third triennial convention to be held at Baltimore in December were considered by the members of the section.

The convention will continue from the 23 to the 31st of December. Delegates from seventy sections scattered over thirty different States will be present. One of the purposes of the organization is to heighten Jewish ideals by the study of sacred and general history and literature. Another feature is activity in sociological and philanthropic work.

On December 5 the convention will be the guest of the Washington section. Mrs. Louis Stern is the vice president of the council in the District of Columbia.

KILLED BY PASSING TRAIN.

BLUEFIELD, Va., Oct. 12.—Grover A. Hitt, aged twenty-two years, was run down Saturday by a passenger train, which he did not hear, while walking along the track near Flat Top yards, and killed.

The Secret of a Successful Merchant.

The success of a merchant depends largely upon his ability to please his customers. In order to do so he recommends only articles which are to his knowledge most reliable. In handling medicine this is especially true, as people desire the best preparation on the market and appreciate the recommendation of their druggist. Here is what V. J. Light, of House Springs, Mo., says of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: "I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my customers to be second to none on the market. For cough with children there is nothing better." For sale by Henry Evans, 222 F Street northwest, wholesale and retail, and all druggists.

MEMORIAL SERVICE IS HELD BY LAUNDRYMEN

Honor the Memories of Deceased Members.

MANY DELEGATES PRESENT

Convention Is One of the Most Successful Association Has Ever Held.

The nineteenth annual convention of the Laundrymen's National Association, which will be in session three days at the Raleigh Hotel, is attended by about 500 delegates. The sessions will be largely devoted to discussions of subjects affecting the trade. The place of next meeting will be decided tomorrow. Milwaukee and Kansas City are candidates.

The coal strike will be considered, but no attempt will be made to render just rates to a higher schedule, inasmuch as the price of fuel is said to be purely a local question to be met by the city or State organizations. It is expected a resolution will be introduced later requesting the presidents of the anthracite coal companies to favor, in so far as possible, the laundrymen, thus obviating the necessity of increasing laundry rates.

Memorial Services.

The session last evening was in the nature of a memorial to members who have died since the convention a year ago. There have been five deaths in that time. One was that of Edward Ellis, of Chicago, the first president of the association.

Over a hundred members were received into the organization yesterday. This increases the membership of the body to over 600.

Commissioner Macfarland welcomed the laundrymen at the beginning of the morning session yesterday. Prefacing his remarks with the maxim, "Cleanliness is next to godliness," he continued:

Value of Cleanliness.

"We can all see the close connection between cleanliness and civilization. Clean men in clean clothes, living in clean homes, on clean streets, are the product of civilization and in turn they are most likely to think cleanly and therefore clearly, and to act in clean words and deeds, with sanity, intelligence, righteousness. Therefore you represent not only a great business interest which has been created by the advancing demands of modern life, within the past quarter of a century profitably employing large amounts of capital and large numbers of men and women, but one of the forces of civilization which makes for the improvement of the race. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are, therefore, very glad to welcome you to the National Capital, the home of the National Government, of the national flag and of the national spirit. You will find here not only worthy representatives of your useful art, but a beauty and an interest that cannot be found elsewhere, and, above all, a cleanliness of living conspicuous in our public affairs but equally great in our private affairs."

Discussion of Trade.

Henry S. Porter, president of the association, responded. The remainder of the morning session was devoted to trade subjects. The afternoon session was also devoted to laundry discussions. It is expected that the question of raising rates on laundry will come up. The increase in the price of coal has greatly increased the operating expenses of all laundries.

Members came from Chicago and from Jersey City on special trains. Many ladies accompanied the delegates from all points.

Charles E. McKeen, of Terre Haute, Ind., is a candidate for president of the association. Henry W. Stoer, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the present secretary. This morning at 10 o'clock the members of the association and their lady guests will leave for Mount Vernon. Tomorrow the final business of the session will be transacted.

TRAM CARS COLLIDE.

PARIS, Oct. 12.—Two tram cars collided on the Avenue de la Republique on Sunday. Forty persons were injured.

MCURTAIN IS NOW THE CHOCTAW CHIEF

Dual Government at Tuskaloma No Longer Exists.

BLOODSHED WAS IMMINENT

But Call for United States Troops Had Calming Effect on Excited Indians.

Information received at the Interior Department yesterday indicated the end of an exciting contest over the office of principal chief of the Choctaw nation. For several days the contention was dangerously acute, and United States troops were called into action. Acting Inspector Shoenfelt, through whom the department kept in touch with the situation, says that but for the interference of the troops, and his own efforts, there would have been bloodshed.

The contest was settled for the present, at least, by the inauguration yesterday of Greene McCurtain as principal chief. He succeeds George W. Dukes as "governor," and defeats in his contest T. W. Hunter, who claimed to have been elected, and who for a few days seemed to have the weight of the argument. Dual government was maintained for a short while.

In August the election for principal chief was held, and the fight was a bitter one. Both candidates, McCurtain and Hunter, claimed election, and the contest went to the Choctaw council, which met on Monday of last week. Choctaw law provides that the ballots must be counted and a result declared within ten days after the meeting of the council.

Took Strenuous Measures.

Dukes, the chief who has just retired, is charged with ejecting the members known to be favorable to McCurtain, his idea being to render the August election void, thus perpetuating his administration for another two years. Hunter is said to have been in league with him. McCurtain and his men were kept out of the capital by a body of Choctaw militia, the Light Horse.

Acting Inspector Shoenfelt found when he arrived in Tuskaloma a week ago that there would probably be bloodshed. He telegraphed to Secretary Hitchcock that Governor Dukes and his partisans of the Light Horse had arbitrarily barred all but their men from the capital; that Dukes had permitted men appointed by himself after the session convened to take seats in the council; that he disregarded the legal certificates of election presented by members of the opposition, and that there was imminent danger of a most bloody battle. He further stated that he could do nothing unless placed in absolute command, independent of United States Marshal Hackett, who seems to have set himself up as a partisan of the Dukes faction. This statement of the situation was corroborated on Monday of last week by a telegram from Spencer B. Adams and two other leading citizens of Tuskaloma.

Called for Troops.

On Wednesday the acting inspector asked for a company of troops and stated that Marshal Hackett had refused to cooperate with him in preserving the peace. Dukes telegraphed the Secretary of the Interior on Wednesday that he was proceeding according to law and directing his men to be peaceable. He said:

"I wash my hands of fatal results that may occur if Agent Shoenfelt insists in usurping my authority as chief executive."

The acting inspector was instructed by the Secretary, however, to keep the peace and follow the law and instructions strictly. McCurtain sent a message to the department that Dukes was fortified in the capital, and was being upheld by the Light Horse and by Hackett and his men. He believed it was Dukes' intention to prevent a count and remain chief.

T. W. Hunter, who claimed to have been elected, sent a most persuasive message. He said he had been sworn in as principal chief, and that Shoenfelt was not satisfied to allow the Choctaws to settle their own affairs.

It was announced late in the afternoon that McCurtain, who had already organized a state government on the outside of the capital, had been inaugurated in the building and acknowledged as chief. His majority was 589.

PROSPERITY SHOWN BY POSTAL SERVICE

Annual Report of Superintendent of Salaries.

CONDITION OF EMPLOYEES

Low Grade Clerks Have Received Increases of Salaries—Some Interesting Figures.

George W. Beavers, general superintendent of salaries and allowances of the Postoffice Department, yesterday submitted to the Postmaster General his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902. Illustrating the growth of the postal service, Mr. Beavers says:

"During the past seven years the number of Presidential offices have increased from 3,402 to 4,733; second-class offices advanced to first-class, 24, in 1902, as against 4 in 1895; third-class offices advanced to second class, 110, in 1902, as against 26 in 1895; first-class offices relegated to second-class in 1895, 6, as against 2 in 1902; second-class offices relegated to third class in 1895, 33, in 1902, 3; third-class offices relegated to fourth class in 1895, 49, and in 1902, 12."

"These figures need no criticism. They show that there is a steady and unprecedented growth in the postal service."

Reclassification of Clerks.

Speaking of the reclassification of clerks, Mr. Beavers says, in part:

"I desire again to renew, with increased emphasis, my recommendation of the necessity for a reclassification of clerks in first and second-class post-offices. The very generous appropriations made for the past four years by Congress have enabled the department to increase the salary of every low-grade, meritorious clerk, and today these clerks are receiving about as large annual salaries as they would receive had they been employed under any proposed classification bill. The service has grown so rapidly, however, that the department has been obliged to augment the force by the employment of many additional clerks of the lowest grade, so that the average pay for clerks in the postal service is practically no better than it was four years ago."

"On July 1, last, every known capable and energetic clerk receiving a salary of \$300, \$400, \$500, \$600, \$700, \$800, and \$900, who had been one year in the postal service or in these grades for a similar period, received a substantial increase in his salary (\$100 being the minimum).

Employees Are Satisfied.

"Thus, out of about 12,000 promotions made by the department to date, more than 11,000 clerks were promoted in the lower grades, as above shown. In an experience of more than twenty-three years it can be asserted without fear of contradiction that the postal service at this writing is on a most substantial basis; the clerks as a rule are willing, efficient, and well-satisfied, and the mails are better and more intelligently handled than ever."

"In the larger first-class postoffices the clerks are not working in excess of eight hours, and in New York and Chicago, where for some years past more or less congestion had existed, the mails are being dispatched earlier by several hours than heretofore."

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ALEXANDRIA ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

City Engineer Triumphs Over Contractor Cuvilier.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Oct. 12.—A wordy altercation occurred on King Street this afternoon between Charles Cuvilier, of the firm of Cuvilier & Co., and City Engineer E. C. Dunn, over the paving of that street with vitrified brick, for which Cuvilier & Co. have the contract. It finally resulted in the contractors delaying the city engineer to stop the work until legal action is taken. The affair created some excitement. The trouble grew out of the manner of mixing the cement for the grouting. As a result of the colloquy a meeting of the city street committee was held, and it was decided that the contractors would have to fulfill the requirements of Mr. Dunn.

In the corporation court today Isaac W. Hackley, colored, under indictment for maliciously cutting his wife, son and a colored man named Willis Thompson, pleaded guilty, and he was sentenced to serve twelve months in the city jail and to pay a fine of \$5. Attorneys Edmund Burke, of Washington, and John M. Johnson, of this city, appeared for Hackley, and Commonwealth's Attorney Samuel G. Brent represented the prosecution.

In the same court Dennis Carter, also colored, under indictment for highway robbery, was sentenced to serve sixty days in the city jail. The case was settled by the attorneys without regular trial. Carter was indicted for having held up and robbed Sidney L. Smith, at an early hour Sunday morning, June 8 last. He secured a valuable pistol and \$10.

The funeral of J. H. Harlan, of Washington, who died at the Alexandria Hos-

pital early Sunday morning from the effects of a large dose of laudanum, taken with suicidal intent Saturday afternoon at the Hotel Ramer, took place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the undertaking establishment of Messrs. William Demme & Sons. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. McMichael, of Washington, and interment was in Bethel Cemetery. Several Washington relatives and friends of the dead man attended the funeral.

The annual meeting of Washington District of the Epworth League will convene in the Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. The opening address of welcome will be delivered by Rev. Dr. William J. Young, of Lynchburg, Va., formerly pastor of the local church.

Albert Bullock, a section hand on the Washington Southern Railroad, was run over by a hand car at Freestone, several miles south of here, last Saturday and slightly injured. He was brought to the Alexandria Hospital, where his injuries were dressed by Dr. William M. Smith.

The contract for painting the city hall building and the Columbia and Hydrault fire engine houses has been awarded to W. O. Tomlin, he being the lowest bidder. His bid was \$946.35. There was but one other bidder—J. W. Radd.

The Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Railway Company, through its local agent, Capt. James King, has sent a letter to Mayor Simpson thanking him for the excellent police work done by Policemen Roberts and Allen during the Grand Army of the Republic encampment. These two officers were especially detailed for the work at the intersection of King and Royal Streets, and handled the great crowd with much ease.

Whitney J. Cornell, aged eighteen years, of this city, died on Friday last at St. Mary's Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., of typhoid fever. The remains were brought to his late home, 915 Franklin Street, and the funeral took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from his parents' residence. Rev. Frank J. Brooke, of the Second Presbyterian Church, officiated.